

12.26.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

COVID -19 Update:

One team member has tested positive for COVID-19 since our last update. We currently have two team members who are diagnosed with COVID-19, and no member cases.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	2 (two employees)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	85 (twenty-five members, fifty-seven employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	81 (twenty-two members, fifty-six employees, three contracted individuals)

Safe Holiday Visitation Practices:

We want everyone to be safe this holiday season. Please continue to follow all protocols during your visits at the Veterans Home, including:

- Wearing masks at all times
- Social distancing
- Visiting in the member room only
- Educate yourself on the risks associated with visiting during a COVID-19 outbreak (info available at front desk)
- If guests would like to test prior to visiting, you may do so out in the community or ask the receptionist for a rapid COVID test when you arrive
- Do not visit if you are sick.

COVID-19 Plan:

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;

- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please see our website for our full COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan. We will continue to update you with any changes.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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